

2,500,000 VIOLENT HAYTIAN ARE JUST SMILING NEGROES, POOR, POITE, UNSTABLE

Characterization Is Not Merited by the Island Blacks—Kindness Wins Them—Their Religion and Customs Described.

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Hayti, Feb. 20.—Though he carries a big revolver in a holster hanging from the buckle of his cartridge belt when he goes out of town, the white man in this black country is as safe alone on the country roads and in the fields as he is in the streets of New York—and, recalling the headlines of the New York newspapers for six months past, somewhat safer.

For protection from casual raids by half-starved, ugly tempered, cruel outlaws who believe themselves the victims of political oppression, the white traveler must thank the United States Marines and the gendarmes. But for the privilege of wandering for hours along paths and roads where he will see never a white face or hear a word of English or even intelligible French, he must thank the kindly, honest road well and simplicity of the average Haytian—and there are nearly 2,500,000 average Haytians.

The white man creates his own social atmosphere in this country. If his expression, even his eyes, shows that he has color prejudice, that he has a snarl in his mind (or even in his heart) and suspicion, he will be met with return sneers, with sullenness and outright brutal churlishness. If he shows good natured interest, friendliness and a sense of acknowledging that the black man, however ragged and ignorant, is as human as he is himself, he will be met with smiles, with eagerness to be helpful and with the half-subversive, half-humorous, obsequiousness of the illiterate African the world over.

On the ship going to Hayti one is told that the Haytian is different from the negro citizens of the United States and of other West Indian countries because he is "vicious." He hears the same phrase from some of the business Americans who have come to Port-au-Prince since the occupation; he hears it especially and often from enlisted men of the Marine Corps—though not from their officers. The Spaniards in their day in Cuba, talked in the same strain of the Cuban negro.

SHOWING HOW AND WHY THE HAYTIAN IS "VICIOUS."

The real nature of the native's feeling for the white man may be best shown by one or two actual incidents. Mr. Charles A. Dean is a young, live-minded American who recently went to Hayti to seek a fortune, and is on his way to get it. He quit his first job after an angry controversy with a relative of his employer who thought it was a good joke to run the head of his automobile into the rear of a heavily manured burro on which a woman was riding to market, knocking beast and woman down a little embankment with a great squaking of hoofs and wheels and scattering of "star-apples," sugar apples and charcoal—the joke of a man who will tell you vehemently, that the Haytian negro is "vicious."

Mr. Dean, who has a better job now, had occasion to ride alone to Cape Haytien over the mountainous road country. He was overtaken by a dark-skinned man in a black and asked for shelter. The people were poor, miserably poor, but found the inside of the house as clean as a new pin. He showed his admiration. The whole family gathered and made a fuss over him. They brought him wine and fruit. The coffee was sweet and strong, words of praise, suggested a "balle," or party, and gave him a hostess four or five hundred, red-sugar Haytian bills worth five cents each. In a little while the guests came and neighbors. They were still dancing when he fell asleep—the twining, twining music of the African jungle with its eerie, haunting accompaniment of song, with the cadence and quality of suddenly varying wind in the high tropics.

In the morning, when he had mounted and was waving his hand to farewell, a boy caught the bridle of the horse to stop him. Out of the house came the man and woman running to him and the woman reached up to him—a new laid egg. It was the only thing in the world that he possessed for a parting gift to a friendly guest.

"SPEEDING UP" THE LABORERS IS A PUZZLING PROBLEM.

Capt. O. R. Thompson of the Panama liner *Admiral*, which "makes" all the Haytian ports from New York once a month, goes ashore at Aux Cayes. He is white haired and dignified, speaks the patois and he likes the Haytians and they know it. Workers on the pier, men and women with big life belts and boxes of merchandise on their heads, utter squeals of delight and welcome. "Le Capitaine! Le Capitaine! Voila, le Capitaine!" they shout.

In a moment their burdens are pitched to the wharf and they have gathered around him in a close circle, dancing, patting their heads and shouting welcome. Their smiles stretch across their faces. The Captain crooks one arm and wiggles a shoulder as though he were going to join in their dance. Their shrieks of laughter and their hands are away. He throws them a hand-

Where and How the Average 'Vicious' Haytian Lives And Some Types of the Much Maligned Islanders



NATIVE STREET AS IT HAS BEEN SINCE 1804.

MAJOR LEWIS LEFT \$250,000 ESTATE TO MRS. PINKERTON

Wife Who Remarried Since Death Cut Off—Children Get \$10,000 Each.

Major Birdseye Blakeman Lewis, amateur horseman, who died Nov. 3, 1917, in France, left the greater part of his \$250,000 estate to Mrs. Frank Woodworth Pinkerton, wife of Major Allan Pinkerton, U. S. A., of No. 19 W. 44th Street, it became known today through filing in the Surrogate's Court of an accounting by the executors, David H. Taylor of No. 45 W. 73d Street, and Frederick T. Blakeman, of Mr. Kisco, N. Y.

The will cuts off the widow of Major Lewis, who now is Mrs. Charlotte T. Chancelor, wife of Major Philippe Chancelor, of Santa Barbara, Cal., but leaves \$10,000 each to his two children, Oakleigh Thorne Lewis and Birdseye Blakeman Lewis, who live with their mother.

Major Lewis was on Gen. Pershing's staff in France. His death was announced by Oakleigh Thorne, his father-in-law at Poughkeepsie. The report never was contradicted that Major Lewis committed suicide. A War Department announcement stated: "Major Birdseye Blakeman Lewis, Aviation Section, Signal Corps, died Nov. 3; suicide; emergency address, Hannah P. Posey, Stockbridge, Mass."

Major Lewis was twenty-nine years old at his death. He was a member of the Millbrook Hunt Club and an all-around athlete. He was a grandson of Blakeman Lewis, one of the organizers of the Iveson Book Company, now the American Book Company. He lived at No. 22 East 63d Street, and had a summer home at Millbrook, Dutchess County.

According to the accounting filed the value of the net estate is \$205,673, out of which \$16,317 was paid for New York and New Jersey State taxes. The executors report they have on hand \$139,992 for distribution.

The widow of Major Lewis is a daughter of Oakleigh Thorne, formerly identified with the Knickerbocker Trust Company. Five months after he died she remarried. Major Lewis, among other holdings, had \$95,000 of American Book Company stock and \$25,000 of the Sponcorian Pen Company. The accounting also shows \$20,000 already been paid to Mrs. Pinkerton, as well as personal effects turned over to her by the executors.

The will contains this clause: "I make no provision for my wife, as she is about to sue me for absolute divorce."

The will was witnessed by Otto A. Huck of New Rochelle and Almona Merklejohn of No. 400 W. 52d Street. The sum of \$1,000 is bequeathed to a sister of Major Lewis, Anna B. Vesey, of England. The residue goes to Mrs. Lewis, who is referred to neither as a friend or relative. Leaving but \$10,000 to each of his two children, he says: "I realize they will be adequately provided for."

Surrogate Foley directed citations to issue to Mrs. Chancelor and her two children, who are minors, to show cause why the accounting should not be given the Court's approval. Mrs. Chancelor was served at Santa Barbara Feb. 5 last. The will was dated Nov. 13, 1916.



NATIVE WOMAN AND CHILD.

GAS KILLS THREE IN FAMILY; TWO OTHERS OVERCOME

Summit, N. J., Mother and Two Children Dead—Father and Baby Unconscious.

Odor of gas in the home of Francis Maronne, No. 553 Morris Avenue, Summit, N. J., attracted the attention of neighbors this morning. They could not get into the house, and the police were called.

When the door was broken open the bodies of Mrs. Maronne and two of her children, five and two years old, were found on the bed. The father and a one-year-old child were on the floor unconscious.

The condition of the roads made it impossible to get an ambulance and an appeal was made to the Fire Department. Fire Chief Browster sent an engine and the entire family, the dead with the living, were removed in that way.

The father and the living child were taken to the Overlook Hospital, where it was said that there was little chance for the recovery of the father, although the baby had a good chance to live.

FOOD INQUIRY AID REFUSED.

La Guardia's Offer Declined by Hirschfeld—Report Ready Soon.

Acting Mayor La Guardia announced today that Commissioner of Accounts Hirschfeld has declined his offer of assistance in the investigation of army food sales. Mr. La Guardia said he offered the services of two of his best examiners because he had been told that all of Mr. Hirschfeld's experts were busy with their inquiries into the affairs of the traction companies and the Board of Education.

AUTOS KILL 22 IN N. Y. CITY

February Report Shows Six Motor Deaths in All of Jersey.

According to the report for February of the National Highway Protective Society, issued today, twenty-two persons were killed by automobiles, two by trolley, and one by wagon on the streets of New York City. In New York State, outside New York City, automobiles caused the death of four and trolley one.

Six persons were killed by automobiles and one by trolley in the State of New Jersey.



A STREET AFTER THE MARINES TOOK CHARGE.

HUDSON TUBE FARE RAISED AS OWNERS GET ROAD BACK

Commuters to Fight Increase to Eight Cents—High Operating Cost Cause.

Announcement of a new local passenger tariff schedule by the Hudson and Manhattan Railroad Company, increasing the fares between New York, Jersey City and Hoboken, effective April 1, has brought immediate protest by commuters. The new fare will be eight cents instead of five.

The question of an increase has been taken up with the Mayors and Public Service Commissioners of the cities included in the raised fares. Efforts will be made to prevent the increase.

Oren Root, President of the company, in a statement today, says that the company finds it necessary to file with the Interstate Commerce Commission a new tariff "calling for the adjustment of its fares in either direction between points in New Jersey and New York City."

He explains that the new rate will not affect the uniform 5-cent fare for local rides "wholly between stations within New Jersey or within New York" and adds that increased cost of material and labor have made it "impossible to delay this step longer."

Pointing out that the company has been unable to obtain money for needed development, Mr. Root continues: "Unlike other interstate roads this road has had no general increase of rates under Federal administration."

John Milton, corporation counsel of Jersey City, said the proposed increase will be considered by the Jersey City Commissioners to-morrow, and that a protest to the Interstate Commerce Commission undoubtedly will be adopted. Gov. Edwards, who was in Jersey City attending a meeting of the New Jersey Interstate Tunnel Commission, said he had not had time to consider the matter. A protest meeting has been called in Newark for Thursday night.

James B. Walker, Secretary of the Public Service Commission, said that under the provisions of the new railway law, the system might come under the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commission, in which case his office would have nothing to say regarding the raise.

RISE IN POTATO PRICES.

Cause Ascribed to Snow Tie-Up on Maine Farms.

Hogholders and others are advised not to get poultry over a sharp rise today in the price of potatoes. Prices on the wholesale docks were \$19 a 165-pound sack, and in the low-grade \$11 and \$12 were asked. Low temperatures and much snow are the cause ascribed to the non-arrival of the Maine potatoes, which condition is only a temporary one.

CRIME TO SUSPEND RICHMOND CARS TO FORCE FARE BOOST

Officials Should Be Indicted if This Is Shown, Judge Tells Grand Jury.

If officials of the Staten Island Midland Railroad Company suspended operation of the five interior trolley lines on Jan. 15 to force an increased fare which was not necessary, they committed a crime and should be indicted, County Judge Tiernan today instructed the Richmond County Grand Jury. On the other hand, Judge Tiernan instructed the jury, if it was shown the company was actually losing money in operating the line, no crime had been committed.

Judge Tiernan instructed the Grand Jury to make a thorough inquiry of the trolley situation on Staten Island. He declared that if it was found that the company could not operate on a five cent fare, the Grand Jury should subpoena members of the Board of Estimate and ascertain why the application of the company for permission to charge an increased fare was denied.

"The trolley situation on Staten Island is the most serious problem the people have to contend with," said Judge Tiernan. "Something must be done and done at once. Be fearless in your investigation. Your powers are supreme. You can call and examine the biggest officials of the State if necessary. Thousands of commuters have been inconvenienced for six weeks and the business interests of this county affected."

Subpoenas have been issued for officials of the Midland Railroad Company to appear Wednesday.

INCREASE IS VOTED IN AID TO CHILDREN

Board of Aldermen Unanimous for Bigger Allowances Under Welfare Law.

The Board of Aldermen today unanimously voted for a resolution by Aldermen John P. McCourt and William P. Kennedy providing for an increase in the allowances granted under the Child Welfare Law. Alderman Bruce M. Falconer was the only member of the Board not recorded in favor of the resolution. He refused to vote.

When Mayor Hyman returns from Palm Beach Thursday night he will be met by a committee representing the Board of Child Welfare and will be asked to have the Estimate Board make the necessary appropriation for the increase. Just what the increase will be has not yet been decided.

Under present arrangement the maximum allowance granted to widows for the care of each dependent child is \$12 per month. This was fixed in 1916, before the advance of prices.

2,000 Sultane Wakers Strike. The Sultane and Bagmakers' Union of New York City today struck for a minimum salary of \$10 a week for first-class mechanics and a 25 per cent. increase for all in the trade. Chairman Weiner of the Strike Committee said that 2,000 men were out.

Patrick Francis Boyle Dies. HAZLETON, Pa., March 1.—Patrick Francis Boyle, aged seventy-four years, died at his home here yesterday after a long illness. He was a prominent contractor in this city and Allentown. During 1918 he served as a representative to the State Legislature from the Allentown district.

White Rose Deservedly The Largest Selling Ceylon Packed Tea in the World

THREE IN TAXICAB INJURED IN CRASH

Herman Lichtman, a clock manufacturer, forty-two years old, his wife, Dora, and Miss Blush Goodman, twenty-two, all living at No. 301 Avenue St. John, the Bronx, were slightly injured early this morning when a taxicab in which they were riding collided with a limousine at Third Avenue and 67th Street. The limousine, owned by Harry Chasman, of No. 212 Riverside Drive, was in charge of his chauffeur, Russell Rathbone, of No. 772 West 124th Street. The taxicab, which was driven by one of the drivers, threw the passengers to the floor, shattering the windows. The taxicab was being driven by one of the drivers, threw the passengers to the floor, shattering the windows. The taxicab was being driven by one of the drivers, threw the passengers to the floor, shattering the windows.

Prison for Stealing Pearl Necklace. Jules Davis, twenty-six years old, of No. 425 East 148th Street, was sentenced to prison for not less than six months and more than three years after he had pleaded guilty this morning in General Sessions to the theft of a pearl necklace and his bag from his employer, Stern Brothers.

White Finds Husband Dead From Gas. Anton Larsen, aged sixty-three, was found dead in bed from gas poisoning this morning in his home, No. 2720 61st Avenue, Brooklyn. His wife discovered the body. There was a leak in the tube of a gas heater in the room.

STORED 'DEAD' CARS ON SUBWAY TRACKS

Witness Says Interborough Gave This Reason for Stopping 96th-157th Street Express.

Frank D. Larkin of No. 125 West 174d Street, a former transit inspector for the Public Service Commission, testified before Deputy Public Service Commissioner Barrett today that the "jean express," discontinued some time ago between the 96th Street and 157th Street stations of the Broadway subway, was ordered stopped by the Public Service Commission because the Interborough wanted to use the entire track for storage of "dead cars."

The Washington Heights Taxpayers' Association wants the service resumed to relieve congestion. Reginald Holton, an engineer retained by the association, submitted figures to show the Interborough easily could re-establish the service.

St. Simon Hospital Needs \$3,250,000. George Humenual, President of the Board of Trustees of the St. Simon Hospital, declared today that the institution will need about \$3,250,000 for the erection of new buildings. The previous estimate was \$2,000,000, but the higher figure is declared to have been made necessary by the enormous increase in the cost of building and building materials. Mr. Humenual and his wife have given \$150,000.

Destroyer Struck on Ways. BATH, Me., March 1.—Frozen grass on the ways prevented the launching today of the torpedo boat destroyer *Franklin* at the Bath Iron Works. The launching was postponed to next Monday. Miss Sallie M. Tucker of New York stood ready to christen the ship with either in honor of her great grandfather, late Commodore Edward Preble, U. S. N., or Portland.

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